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FOUR DEFENDANTS ARRESTED IN A FOUR-MONTH ALIEN SMUGGLING INVESTIGATION

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announces the arrests of RAUL GREEN of Tucson, Arizona (DOB 6/23/60), JOSE HUMBERTO MARQUEZ of Navajoa, Sinaloa, Mexico (DOB 9/28/71), CLYDE HARVEY of Choulic, Arizona (DOB 2/04/70) and DIANE NIETZKE of Tucson, Arizona (DOB 5/11/59) for violations of Title 8, United States Code, section 1324 (Alien smuggling). These arrests, along with the execution of four federal search and seizure warrants, mark the culmination of a four-month investigation in the RAUL GREEN and JOSE HUMBERTO MARQUEZ human trafficking organization. The investigation focused on the smuggling of undocumented Mexican nationals across the Southwest border near the town of Choulic on the Tohono O'odham Nation to Tucson, Arizona.

Robert M. Gattison, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (US ICE), noted that this investigation highlights the benefits that have resulted from combining the investigative resources of the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service into US ICE.

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US ICE Special Agents are committed to investigating groups and organizations that smuggle undocumented aliens into the United States and disrupting and dismantling their operations through arrests and seizure of assets.

The defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury for alien smuggling on January 28, 2004. The defendants were arrested on February 5, 2004 and were arraigned in U.S. District Court, Tucson, Arizona, on February 6, 2004.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

This investigation was a collaborative effort between US ICE Special Agents, the US ICE Air Branch, the United States Border Patrol and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel J. Santander, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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